

House Resolution No. 3991

Whereas, it is with considerable pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious institutions which have demonstrated an unparalleled dedication to meeting the spiritual needs of residents in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church of Belle enjoys a stellar history which dates to October 11, 1903, when twenty inaugural members signed the charter to organize the church; and

Whereas, one hundred years later on Sunday, October 12, 2003, First Baptist Church of Belle will be celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of its establishment; and

Whereas, during its one hundred years of spiritual guidance in the community of Belle, First Baptist Church has been served by twenty-nine pastors; and

Whereas, the congregation of First Baptist Church in Belle is most fortunate to be led today by the Reverend Jimmy Bickell whose emphasis on spirituality, dedication, and service to others is in keeping with the tradition of leadership established by his predecessors; and

Whereas, First Baptist Church of Belle has weathered many changes in the past one hundred years to emerge as a strong, vibrant force for good in Maries County and its surrounding environ; and

Whereas, the members of First Baptist Church in Belle look forward to a bright future even as they join together on October 12, 2003, to look back in awe at the one hundred year history of their respected spiritual institution:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of service garnered by the leaders and members of the First Baptist Church in Belle and to convey to all of those who have actively participated in the worship and educational opportunities available to them down through the years this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon reaching the Golden Anniversary of the founding of their church and our best wishes for many more celebratory events to follow; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of First Baptist Church of Belle, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Merrill M. Townley
District No. 112

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3991, adopted September 8, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker